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# NIXON'S HIGH COURT CHOICE PRAISED

## 'Enlightened Conservative'

### President Picks Law, Order Judge

WASHINGTON (AP) — White President Nixon was campaigning for election last year, he promised to appoint a chief justice who believes in a strict interpretation of the Supreme Court's role.

Thus Nixon has selected his kind of "law and order" judge to succeed Earl Warren and serve as the 15th chief justice.

By his reputation in legal circles, Warren Earl Burger ap-

### Van Buren Crash Takes Five Lives

PAW PAW — Five persons were killed this morning when two pickup trucks collided head on on M-40 four miles north of here.

State police and Van Buren county sheriff's deputies said three of the victims were children.

Identification of the victims had not been made by late this morning. One officer at the scene said "We can't tell who was in which truck."

The victims were taken to Lake View Community hospital in Paw Paw.

Police said the collision occurred shortly before 10 a.m. on M-40 just north of 42nd avenue.

pears to meet Nixon's requirements as a strict constructionist of the Constitution. He also appears unlikely to raise objections of Capitol Hill liberals.

Burger indicates decency and integrity and I have no reason to think that his hearings will turn up anything to convince me otherwise," predicted Sen. Philip A. Hart, D-Mich., a Judiciary Committee liberal.

"If he is a conservative, he is an enlightened conservative," was the appraisal of William T. Gossett, president of the American Bar Association, shortly after Nixon announced Burger's nomination Wednesday night.

Burger, a 62-year-old federal Circuit Court judge here for 13 years, is not the activist that his predecessor, Warren, is.

And his presence on the high court may make a difference in interpreting the rights of criminal suspects and defendants. Some recent cases have been decided by only a 5-4 vote.

Burger should have no difficulty in accustoming himself to the high court, however, since the Circuit Court has experienced most of the divisions that afflict the nation's highest court except for the problems of federal-state relations and, with a

few exceptions, civil rights.

He is considered a liberal on civil rights. His best known decision in this field is his ruling that the Federal Communications Commission must listen to the complaints of Negroes in the Mississippi community served by radio station whose license was up for renewal.

The White House said in a statement that Burger has urged those seeking his judicial philosophy to "read my opinions and draw your own conclusions."

But it added that Burger's personal philosophy of government is reflected in a 1967 commencement address at Ripon College in Wisconsin.

PROTECTION COMES FIRST

"Governments exist chiefly to foster the rights and interest of its citizens—to protect their homes and property, their persons and their lives," he said then. "If a government fails in this basic duty, it is not redeemed by providing even the most perfect system for the protection of the rights of defendants in the criminal courts."

At another point in his speech, Burger said, "We know that a

nation or a community which has no rules and no laws is not a society but an anarchy in which no rights, either individual or collective, can survive."

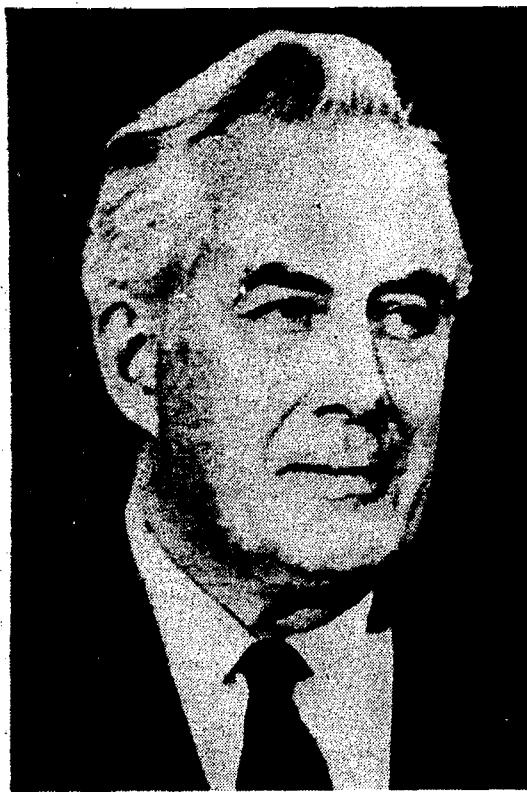
"Our system of criminal justice, like our entire political structure was based on the idea of striking a fair balance between the needs of society and the rights of the individual," he added.

Burger described the American system as "one of ordered liberty" and said, "To maintain this ordered liberty we must maintain a reasonable balance between the collective need and the individual right and this requires examination of the balancing processes as an engineer checks the pressure gauges on his boiler."

Born Sept. 17, 1907, in St. Paul, Minn., of Swiss-German stock, Burger spent his early years on a farm, worked his way through the University of Minnesota and the St. Paul College of Law from which he was graduated magna cum laude in 1931.

In his 22 years in private law

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CHIEF JUSTICE NOMINEE: Warren E. Burger poses in the White House Wednesday night after President Nixon announced his nomination as Chief Justice of the United States. Burger, a federal appeals court judge, will succeed Earl Warren on the high bench subject to Senate confirmation. (AP Wirephoto)

## Quick Okay Predicted In Senate

### Both Liberals, Conservatives Like Burger

By WILLIAM BARTON  
Associated Press Writer  
WASHINGTON (AP) — The nomination of Warren E. Burger to be chief justice has drawn a warm response in the Senate, particularly from conservatives, indicating the veteran federal judge will have little trouble winning confirmation.

Within an hour after President Nixon's Wednesday night disclosure of his choice, Chairman James O. Eastland, D-Miss., announced his Senate Judiciary Committee will hold hearings on Burger's nomination the first week in June.

"He is an outstanding jurist and a very fine man," declared Eastland, a persistent critic of what he terms federal Supreme Court decisions under retiring Chief Justice Earl Warren.

#### BACKED BY LIBERALS

Although the conservatives were the most enthusiastic, many liberals also said they approved of Burger, who is considered a generally tougher advocate of law and order measures than the majority of the current Supreme Court.

Burger has served 13 years as a judge of the federal Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.

Sens. John L. McClellan, D-Ark., Sam J. Ervin, D-N.C., and Robert C. Byrd, D-W. Va.—all Judiciary Committee members who opposed Abe Fortas for chief justice last year—joined Eastland in hailing the appointment.

"I've read many opinions he has written and they give me the strong hope that the Constitution will be the supreme law of the land instead of the personal notions of the court," said Ervin, a former justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court.

McClellan called the nomination "an excellent appointment" and described Burger as a "distinguished jurist and a man who reveres the Constitution."

And Byrd said Burger's "judicial philosophy as manifested by his record . . . did not associate him with the activists on the court."

"I know him as a law and order judge who, based on my observations, believes that a system of justice which does not protect the law-abiding has been, and we are very close to failing," said Byrd.

Sen. Philip A. Hart, D-Mich., failed in the basic reason for a committee liberal who led the unsuccessful fight for Fortas, also indicated he will support the nomination, declaring, "everything I know about Mr. Burger indicates decency and integrity and I have no reason to think that his hearings will turn up anything to convince me otherwise."

**CAUTIOUS NOTE**

Hart added, however, "One thing I have learned about advising and consenting is not to jump out too early in support of a candidate."

The committee's No. 2 Republican, Roman L. Hruska of Nebraska, was enthusiastic in his applause for the nomination.

"I am sure," said Hruska, "the Senate will give quick and enthusiastic confirmation . . . He has demonstrated many fine attainments, one of which will have an especially wide appeal, and that is his consistent support of law and order."

Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield said the 61-year-old Burger would "make a

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# NILES DEATH INQUEST ORDERED

### Peace Plan Established At Ferris

#### Negro, White Students Work Out Agreement

BIG RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) — Thousands of ribbons were passed out to college students and townfolk today proclaiming:

"I've had it. Let's start living and working together — now."

It was a statement agreed upon by both Negro and white student leaders at Ferris State College Wednesday in a campaign begun today to end the strife which caused police to break up a racial clash Tuesday morning.

The motto was printed on thousands of six-inch white ribbons for distribution through the business community of the 8,400 - population town and to most of the 7,341 students on campus.

Leadin gthe drive are Jerry Nielsen, 24, of Greenville, who became president of the all - college student government Wednesday, and Ron Sneed, 25, of Grand Rapids, president of the NAACP student chapter.

Sneed was one of the 13 students originally arrested, Tuesday, but he was ordered released.

The other 12 students were charged with unlawful assembly and released on \$200 bond each.

When Sneed was exonerated

Tuesday, he said "The whites can have this school."

But after the various campus meetings and the plans were formed to improve racial har-



FERRIS PEACEMAKERS: Jerry Nielsen, left, elected Wednesday as president of the Ferris State College student government meets with Ron Sneed, president of the NAACP student chapter during talks that brought peace in racial disturbances at the college. (AP Wirephoto)

money, Sneed said Wednesday. "This has never been done before. I see interest among the students."

**\$5,000 DAMAGE**

State Police joined sheriff's deputies and local police in breaking up a melee between Negro and white students at a dormitory parking lot. In a series of brick - throwings and scuffles, more than \$5,000 damage was done to dormitory furniture and windows.

In addition, several cars were damaged including one belonging to Sneed.

It was the latest in a series of racial clashes on the cam-

### 6-Member Jury To Be Impaneled

#### Prosecutor Joins Citizens Asking For Special Probe

A petition filed by nine Niles residents Wednesday will result in a special jury inquest into death of a 25-year-old Negro who was killed by police Monday.

The petition calls for a six-man jury inquest to establish a cause in the death of Walter Ward. John Hammond, presiding judge of the Fifth District, instructed that a jury be empaneled to hear testimony before Judge Paul Pollard.

One of the petitioners is Charles F. Works, a leader in protests at Niles, in the wake of the slaying of Walter Ward by a city patrolman during a disturbance outside a restaurant Monday night.

**ESTABLISHED IN 1846**

An 1846 state law establishes such inquests, similar to a coroner's inquest. It is being employed for the first time in recent Berrien county history.

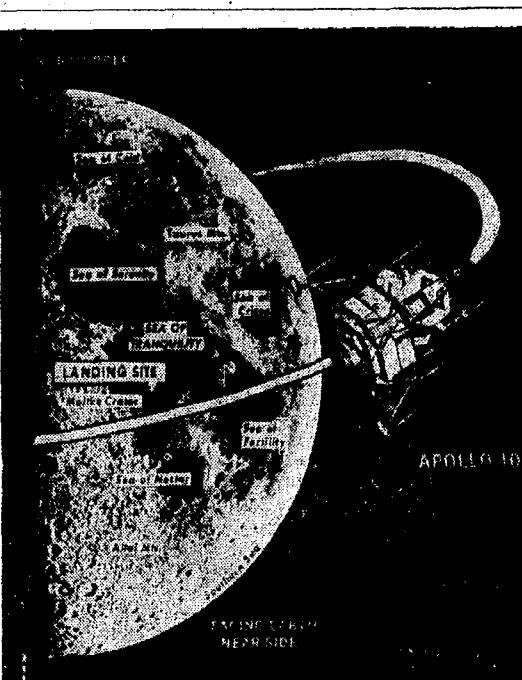
Prosecutor Ronald J. Taylor joined in the petition for the inquest. Taylor said he wants to be sure all procedures for investigation into the death are proper. Taylor ruled justifiable homicide shortly after Ward was shot by Niles Patrolman Jerry Johnston but left the door open for further review.

Judge Pollard said the jury picked at random from a list of those eligible to serve in Fifth District court, will hear testimony and issue a finding in the cause of Ward's death.

Sneed, who became president of the NAACP chapter last month, said "We are also attempting to remove the image that Ferris is a backward college. If the movement will last as long as we can keep it



Help your carrier to succeed by paying him promptly each week when he calls to collect! He depends on route collections for his profits for delivery.



HUNT LANDING SITE: Artist's conception shows the Apollo 10 Lunar Module making a pass over the spot where two Apollo 11 astronauts hope to walk this summer. The LEM will make two passes over the site today at an altitude of 9.3 miles. (AP Wirephoto)

### Seven Arrested In Niles Protest

#### Sit-In Blocks Traffic On Main Street

NILES — Officers from state, Berrien county and local police agencies Wednesday arrested seven persons to break up a 90-minute sit-in blocking Main street here.

About 100 officers moved against the Negro demonstrators after they refused to clear the street voluntarily.

The demonstration was part of a protest over the slaying Monday night of a Negro Vietnam war veteran by a white Niles police officer during a melee outside the Burger Chef drive-in restaurant.

Walter L. Ward, 25, was shot three times after at least two shots had been fired at officer Jerry Johnston, Niles police said. The slaying was ruled justifiable homicide by Berrien prosecutor Ronald Taylor.

Demonstrators marched on

### Astronauts Skimming Moon Today

#### Fragile Craft Used To Hunt Landing Site

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Two Apollo 10 astronauts plan to fly a fragile spaceship to within 50,000 feet of the moon today to scout a site for a July landing by two Americans.

Air Force Col. Thomas P. Stafford and Navy Cmdr. Eugene A. Cernan expected to detach the lunar landing craft, or LEM, from the command ship in the mission's most dangerous maneuver. They would be gone more than eight hours.

They leave Navy Cmdr. John W. Young alone in the command vessel in midafternoon to make a daring descent toward a landscape which they described Wednesday in terms such as "rugged planet," "fantastic" and "out of this world."

#### SKIM OVER SURFACE

Twice they are to skim at nine times the speed of sound just 9.3 miles over the landing site.

They hope to get a total of 13 minutes of radar ranging, photographs and visual observations.

Then they execute a series of tricky maneuvers to rejoin the command ship, circling 69 miles above the moon but ready to fly to their rescue if necessary.

The lineup must be made if

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Remember T.G.I.F. Captain's Table Every Fri. 4:30-7:30.

Rumge Fairpl. Presbyterian Ch. Fri. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Adv.

IMMEDIATE OPENING for motor route operator for this newspaper. This is an established route on Benton Harbor's east side — currently carrying a potential gross worth of \$3,500 per year. This is a business proposition — not a salaried position. The potential is excellent for expansion — and the right person could expand the route gross profit to more than \$5,000 per year. Applicant should be 25, have dependable car, be bondable, and furnish excellent references. We offer protected territory, cash incentive bonus for expansion, car allowance. Route delivery can be handled in about three hours each afternoon. Please write giving full information to Mr. Bowie, 700 N. Washington, Kalamazoo. Demonstrators marched on

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if you are interested. No phone calls.

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# THE HERALD-PRESS

## Editorial Page

W. J. Banyon, Editor and Publisher  
Bert Lindenfeld, Managing Editor

# Court Do For A Re-Modeling

The resignation of Abe Fortas, the fact of Justice Douglas enjoying a substantial side payment from a charitable foundation, the pending resignation of Chief Justice Warren, and the rapid aging of two other justices points to a Supreme Court oriented in a different direction within a fairly brief time.

The more strident critics of the Court will say the changeover has been long overdue and those of a more charitable opinion, at the very least, will have a sigh of relief when new and presumably less activist minds step up on the bench.

Every high school student run through a civics course is taught that our's is a federal system of three components exercising a balanced power at all times. The legislature passes the laws, the executive enforces them, and the judiciary interprets them, runs this lesson.

History refutes the lesson. It would be difficult to select a period when this triangular balance existed.

From the Republic's founding to the death of John Marshall, the first Chief Justice, the Executive and Judicial branches exerted a far greater influence than did Congress.

The Presidency's pre-occupation with foreign affairs, namely, impressing upon Europe a new nation actually existed across the Atlantic, and Marshall's strong opinions establishing the pre-eminence of the federal government over the states kept the Legislative branch in the shadows.

Congress emerged from the background when Marshall died in the middle 1830s, not because of that strong man's departure but because the Legislature was the only forum capable of meeting the growing rift between two social worlds, the industrial North and the agrarian South.

This predominance continued for nearly three decades beyond the Civil War.

Beginning with Teddy Roos-

## More Precious Than Oil

In some parts of the world drilling for oil and striking a huge underground fresh water lake would be cause for extreme disappointment. Not so when the site is the Sahara Desert and the lake is estimated to contain as much water as the Great Lakes.

An American oil company drilling in Libya discovered the heretofore unknown lake, now estimated to contain enough water to irrigate a million acres for 800 years. It is not replenishable, and a guess is that it is the residue of heavy rainstorms in the area during the Ice Age.

Already the desert sands are producing green crops. The first desert crop of alfalfa was planted last November and the first harvest is expected in April. The alfalfa will be cut once a month for 12 crops a year. This is a rare harvest in any land.

By the end of this year farmers expect to have 2,100 acres of alfalfa under cultivation, enough to produce 20,000 tons of fodder a year.

Obviously the Sahara is not going to turn into tropical bloom overnight, but it is on its way toward becoming a productive land mass for the first time in recorded history.

Black gold is not a particularly rare commodity in the land of dunes and oases, but that crystal clear mineral coming to the surface is worth more than its weight in oil.

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## Frustrated Dove



## GLANCING BACKWARDS

### HERITAGE SOCIETY NAMES PRESIDENT

—1 Year Ago—

At its annual meeting the Fort Miami Heritage Society Tuesday evening in the Josephine Morton clubhouse selected Forrest Pearson as its new president. Pearson, vice president in the Pearson Construction company, succeeds Atty. Eldon W. Butzbaugh.

Other officers installed included William Watt, C. Mountain Davis and Circuit Judge Chester J. Byrns as first, second, and third vice presidents respectively. D. Carter Cook and Mrs. R. Thomas Herkner were re-elected as treasurer and executive director.

### WILLIAM RITT

## You're Telling Me!

That was quite a fruity scandal in Formosa when nine government officials and eight heads of export associations were accused of getting kickbacks from banana farmers. Sounds like pretty slippery goings-on.

Whenever there's hanky-panky business like the alleged Formosa graft scandal there's usually a No. 1 man behind it. Better known as "the top banana".

On reading the Formosa story, F.E.F. says that the 16 if convicted will no doubt appeal.

A Londoner wants out of his marriage to a girl he has only seen by photographs. Which only proves the truth of that old saw that a picture tells the story better.

The city ornamental pool of Spalding, England, has been making a big splash with visitors. Twenty of 'em fell into it last year.

Few nations, it seems recognize proxy marriages, as legal. What's one person's rite is another's wrong?

Missouri's 100 million-year-old Meramec Caverns have two independent streamlined lighting systems, just in case one of 'em blacks out, we read. That's putting a lot of new light on an old subject!

In a roundup of unregistered weapons, authorities in the Mexican state of Tamaulipas collected seven machine guns, 33 submachine guns, 2,123 shotguns and 474 pistols. Must have grabbed the whole shooting match!

### HENRY CATHCART

## Inside Washington

WASHINGTON -- The complex realities of government in the last third of the twentieth century are pressing inexorably on President Richard M. Nixon, as they did on his predecessor in the White House.

Both Nixon and Johnson, when he was president, talked a lot about keeping their opinions open. The fact is that their statements indicated a longing for options rather than their existence. In most major problems confronting Mr. Nixon, his options are limited and all of them are unattractive for one reason or another.

Even this early in the Republican administration, there are certain signs that, in the 1970 congressional elections, Democrats will gain seats in both the Senate and House of Representatives. Such gains are normal in off-year elections, and they would serve to further frustrate Republican efforts to put together a national policy and program structure on which Nixon could run for re-election.

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have only four years in control of the executive branch of government. Any GOP hope that at least the latter half of Nixon's term would be eased by Republican control of even one house of Congress has been abandoned.

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Two of our boys were circumcised shortly after they were born. A third was not because he seemed to be so frail and now, at the age of eight, is having difficulty with the skin over the tip of his penis. Is there any greater danger in having him circumcised at this time than there would have been had it been done shortly after birth?

Mr. R. L. J. Dr. Coleman Florida

Dear Mr. J.: Circumcision still represents to some people a ritualistic or religious procedure which has no scientific value. The confusion about this should be clarified so that some of the advantages of circumcision can be shown. One of the most astonishing and unexplained phenomena that has long been studied by anthropologists is circumcision in wilderness tribes that have no other tie to modern civilization. The aborigines in Australia and in parts of Africa have a ritualistic circumcision that is performed at the time of puberty. In fact, this crude ceremony is done on both boys and girls before they are admitted to the adult society of the tribes. It is astonishing that people who do not yet know about the wheel or creative implements should, in some odd way, find this procedure important.

In modern society, circumcision is frequently performed without relation to religious faith because of better cleanliness. Phimosis may be the condition you are describing in your eight year old boy. In the absence of circumcision, there sometimes occurs tightness of the foreskin over the penis

## JAY BECKER

## Contract Bridge

West dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.

### NORTH

♦ J 10 5

♥ A K 10 6 4

♦ 7 2

♦ ♦ 9 3 2

WEST ♦ 8 7 3

♦ ♦ Q 9 5 3 2

♦ J 8 4

♦ ♦ ♦

♦ ♦ ♦ K Q J 10 8 6 5

EAST ♦ 9 4 2

♦ ♦ J 8 7

♦ ♦ ♦

♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

SOUTH ♦ A K 6

♦ ♦ ♦

♦ ♦ ♦ A K Q 10 9 6 5 3

The bidding:  
West North East South

Pass Pass 4 ♦ 6 ♦

Opening lead —four of clubs. The ability to visualize the opponents' hands, and to play accordingly, has a great deal to do with how good a declarer you are.

For example, take this hand where South distinguished himself in the bidding and play to bring home a well-deserved slam.

South had an important decision to make after East had opened third hand with four clubs. His jump to six diamonds was not what would be called scientific — South knew he might go down or make six or

seven, depending on what North had — but it was a good practical bid, considering everything.

West led the four of clubs, obviously a singleton. Putting this knowledge to valuable use, South won with the ace, cashed the A-K of diamonds, and then led the three of diamonds!

West was pleasantly surprised to win a trump trick he hadn't expected to get, but his joy was short-lived. It didn't matter what he played next. A heart return would enable declarer to take two valuable discards on the A-K, while a spade return would likewise provide an entry to dummy by the simple expedient of putting on the ten.

So South made six diamonds as a result of conceding a trump trick he didn't have to lose. He would have gone down one against accurate defense had he not played the hand precisely this way.

South's unusual trump play was 100 per cent sure to succeed. Declarer knew that West would be forced to lead a spade or a heart after winning the trump trick, since West could not have a club to lead.

Perhaps West shouldn't have been as pleased as he momentarily was when he got the trump trick to which he was not entitled. He would have recognized it at once as a Greek gift.

## BENNET CERF

## Try And Stop Me

A visitor to a mid-town bar ordered a Manhattan. When it was placed before him, a sprig of parsley floated therein. "What's that thing in my Manhattan?" he demanded angrily. The quick-thinking waiter answered spryly, "That, sir, is Central Park."

In Washington, a congressman has revived the story of the Japanese admiral in World War II who assembled a group of dedicated Kamikaze pilots and ordered them to attack a U.S. carrier. "I want you to plunge straight into the smokestack of that carrier," he told them. "Any questions before you die the death of heroes?" "Just one," spoke up one of the intrepid pilots. "Yes?" hissed the irritated admiral. "Just this," inquired the pilot. "Are you out of your blank blank mind?"

QUICKIES:

"Every tooth in my head is not only loose, but hurts me constantly," a patient complained to his dentist. The dentist — a punster named Kerr — inquired, "If I may denture to be so told..."

"I'm in real trouble," a little man confessed to an analyst. "I can't rid myself of the conviction that I'm a dog." "Jiminy!" exclaimed the analyst. "How long has this been going on?"

The little man answered, "Since I was a puppy."



## Factographs

Insects or other organisms transporting germs or other agents of disease are called vectors.

Beethoven composed only one opera, "Fidelio," in 1805.

Water is hotter just before it boils than after. As soon as it boils, some heat is released.

The sergeant major serves as the representative in the Pentagon for all American enlisted men around the world.

Congress has made no provision for insurance on any public building.

On the Mount of Olives, the world "gethsemane" means "olive oil press."

# THE HERALD-PRESS

ST. JOSEPH, MICH., THURSDAY, MAY 22, 1969

Twin City  
News

## RIVERSIDE SCHOOL NOTING 100TH BIRTHDAY

### 'Spirit Of Soul' Group To Appear

#### Free Concert Scheduled For Sunday In BH

Free tickets are now available for an unusual vocal concert that will be presented Sunday afternoon in Benton Harbor high school auditorium.

One of the midwest's most moving young vocal groups, the "Spirit of Soul", will present a program of spirituals at 4 p.m.

The integrated high school ensemble from Evanston Township high school, Evanston, Ill., is sponsored in its appearance here by the local Delta Sigma Theta sorority.

Mrs. H. E. Woodford, corresponding secretary, said that tickets may be obtained now at Twin Cities school offices and at four stores in Benton Harbor and St. Joseph. The stores are: Muir's Drugs, Fairplain Plaza; Wilder's Drugs and Wilder's Book Store, Benton Harbor; and Gillespie's drug stores, St. Joseph and Benton Harbor.

Mrs. Woodford urged persons who want to attend to get tickets in advance. Although the tickets will be available at the door, there is limited seating capacity, and obtaining a ticket beforehand will assure admission, she said.

The free concert was made possible by anonymous contribution to the Delta Sigma Theta. The donors heard the "Spirit of Soul" in a Chicago concert and were so impressed they underwrote the local concert.

Director of the high school singers is Avon Gillespie, music teacher in the Illinois high school.

Gregory C. Coffin, superintendent of Evanston Township schools, has high praise for the director and his young singers. He said in a letter to this newspaper:

"School music can be temporary, meaningful, culture-based, with a lesson behind it. The Spirit of Soul is...the Spirit of Soul exemplify what life can be... people caught up in enjoyable pursuits, involved, part of the action. Kids hear it, learn, too... don't miss it!"

### SJ Return On Survey Surprising

A total of 3,174 or 32 per cent of the "opinionaires" distributed to St. Joseph school district residents have been returned, St. Joseph Schools Supt. Harold Zichmer revealed today.

Zichmer said the public information committee of the school's advisory council, who had sponsored the comprehensive survey, hoped to get a 25 per cent return.

The information on the survey is now being tabulated on a computer.

#### CHICAGO GUESTS

GANGES — Mr. and Mrs. Martin Biesner, Sr., of Chicago and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Jr., and three daughters of Wheaton, Ill., were weekend guests of Mr. William Broadway and Mrs. Corinne Barnes.

#### CHICAGO TRIP

PULLMAN — Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Scudder and sons of Pullman spent the weekend in Chicago with her aunt and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Piech.

### \$200 SCHOLARSHIPS

### Twin Cities Student Council Offers Help

The Twin Cities Student Council has announced that it will offer three \$200 college scholarships for seniors who attend either St. John's, St. Joseph Catholic, Benton Harbor or St. Joseph high schools.

The council, which is composed of student representatives of the four high schools, said the application blanks have been distributed to the counseling offices of all the high schools.

Applications are due in approximately two weeks and recipients will be chosen by the beginning of June.

Recipients will be selected by an executive committee consisting of one representative of each school and choices will be based upon academic achievement, school activities and economic need.



SCHOOL DAY MEMORIES: Students who attended the Riverside School, Hagar No. 6, during the 1906-1907 school year, will be among the former students, teachers and friends who are planning to attend the centennial observance of the school Friday evening. They are standing in front of the then one-room schoolhouse which was constructed in 1869. Mrs.

Fern Skanes, who owns the picture, was one of the class members. She has identified most of the students. Front row from left, unidentified, Alfred White, Henry Merrill, Henry Tousian, Jim Lane, the two DeHart girls, Christ Merrill, Alfred Chabot, Fern (Elston) Skanes, Blanche Merrill, Doris Benson, Sigsbe Merrill, Mabel Merrill, William Chabot, Tom

Lane, Louis Gregory, Dean Elston, Clarence Sheldon, Harold Lyons, Grant Curtis and Henry White. Only girl identified in second row is Maggie Emhoff, second from left. Back row from left are the teacher, Maggie Lane, Annie Laurie, Gertrude White, Grace Laurie, Alma Hoadley and Ines Benson.

### Gideon Tells New Plans For Mercy

#### Hospital To Serve Entire Region

Major new organizational plans to speed the development of Mercy hospital into a regional health center were announced today by Leon P. Gideon, president of the hospital's board of trustees.

The steps, recently approved by the board, were recommended by a special committee following a year-long study which reflected the views of the hospital medical staff, officials of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, state medical and governmental

authorities, community leaders in the area, and the hospital trustees themselves.

Describing the resulting plans Gideon said "We are fortunate in having at Mercy today a top-flight, aggressive medical and professional staff. It is timely and fortunate that we will shortly be able to place at their disposal a new hospital plant in which great emphasis has been placed on the most modern aspects of medical practice."

"In the area of the latest equipment for diagnostic, medical and surgical services we have done everything possible within the range of available funds. And we have only begun, for we hope through addition and replacement to expand and support the sophisticated practice of modern medicine in every specialty, and to reflect the enormous progress now under way — and which will certainly continue at a rapid pace from month to month."

#### BY-LAWS REVISED

Steps approved by the board are designed to step up the responses of the hospital's governing body on three levels, and to insure closer liaison with and support for the medical and professional staffs as they expand into the new Mercy building, Gideon said. He added that the board revised its by-laws to provide:

"1 — A four man executive committee, authorized by the board to act in its behalf when fast action is imperative between regular board meetings. Gideon named William E. Mahaffay chairman of the new executive committee to serve with Herbert Mendel and Larry Sizer as members. Gideon is the fourth member, ex officio.

"2 — Named C. Tiffany Loftus, hospital administrator, a member of the board and designated him its executive vice president and chief operating officer. In his new capacity Loftus will have considerably wider authority in the area of immediate decision and responsibility.

"3 — Appointed a nominating committee to present the board with a list of five or six nominees for board membership in the coming fiscal year. These nominees will all be in the age bracket of 35 to 55 years. The board presently has an emeritus status to which its elder members may move under certain circumstances. The emeritus category carries the same prestige as that of an active member, but places less heavy obligations on such members."

AUTHORITY IS GOAL  
"We want a hospital whose trustees and administrators are readily available, with authority to act, and vigorously responsive to the desires and needs of our patients, medical and nursing staffs, all other hospital employees, and the community as a whole," Gideon said.  
"We are broadening our scope



CENTURY-OLD BUILDING: Riverside school, Hagar No. 6, stands ready to welcome visitors to the school's centennial celebration Friday night. The school was constructed in 1869 after the district had been in operation for eight years. Riverside stu-

dents first held classes in old log schoolhouse across the street. The original one-room building has since been expanded to six rooms and principal's office in series of four additions. (Staff photo)



STUDENTS OBSERVE CENTENNIAL: Students at the Riverside school, Hagar No. 6, will dress in clothing of olden days on Friday to observe the school's centennial. Discussing Friday's program are, from left to right, Robin Lenox, 10, a fifth grade student; Joyce Douglas, 11, sixth grade; Barbara Hinton, 11, fifth grade; and Sandra Mitchell, 12, sixth grade. Former students, parents, and friends will gather at the school Friday night for centennial celebra-

tion. (Staff photo)

service to include the three in the use of new methods and emergency room — itself a marvel of modern equipment. Van Buren, and all our equipment will be available to connected with Mercy are occupying some four times the space of our present facilities. Gideon continued.

"We look upon the move into contact with the medical faculty very best medical services to be at the University of Michigan had our emergency room, now as only a beginning, the first crucial step in a chain of plans and advance in medicine. Men days a week, is approaching and events intended to offer this of our own staff as well as a figure of 2,000 cases a month, part of Michigan as fine medical University of Michigan will and we expect this total to grow as obtainable any teach and train area physicians as we move into the new where."

### One Of The Last Of Its Kind

#### Big Celebration Scheduled For Friday Evening

By SAN DEE WALLACE  
Staff Writer

In these days of bigness, big companies, big corporations, big school districts, there is one Berrien county school district which likes being small.

It is the Riverside school in Hagar township and it is observing its 100th year of operation.

The Riverside school, Hagar No. 6, was constructed in 1869 as a one-room schoolhouse costing about \$500. Friday evening, the Riverside community will observe the centennial at a celebration in the now six-room building.

The district was formed in 1861 as the sixth district in the township following Bundy, Curtis, Pier, Clymer and Eaman. All of the other districts have since joined other larger districts.

#### LOG SCHOOLHOUSE

The first meeting to form the district and the first classes were held in an old log schoolhouse across the street from the present building. The log building was believed to be the original Eaman building.

The school is located on Riverside road, which was formerly known as St. Joseph road.

The first board of education elected on March 15, 1861, included James Flood, moderator (president); William Flood, assessor (treasurer); and Ezekiel K. Reynolds, director (secretary). The first class included 16 students who were taught by Miss Mary Jane McCray. She was paid \$8 per month for a three-month term. The school year in those days was divided into two parts ranging from two or four months in the winter to two or three months in the summer.

Records of the early days of the school are sketchy. Lyle Furlong, a former board of education secretary, will present the school's history during the beginning of the celebration at 7 p.m. Friday. He has been able to locate the minutes of the board meetings from 1861 through 1898 and from 1945 to the present. He has been unable to locate the minutes for the years in between.

The building remained a one-room schoolhouse until 1931. That year another room was added doubling the size of the building. That portion today is much as it was when remodeled. In 1949, a brick portion was added to the building and in 1955 and 1958, two more additions were constructed.

Until two years ago, the original school bell was used to call children to school. The bell was stolen and has never been returned.

Today there are 140 students in grades kindergarten through eight attending the school. There are five teachers.

Allen Johnson is the principal. He pointed out the Riverside school may soon be the sole surviving small independent school district in the county. The only other primary district is River school in Sodus township. River school district is now discussing possible annexation to the Eau Claire district.

BETTER RELATIONSHIP  
Johnson advocates the small independent school district. A native of Chicago, he said there is much more freedom in the small district without binding license plates or red tape. He said the students are able to receive more individual attention.

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### JOBs ARE NEEDED

### Lakeshore Students Planning 'Work Bee'

Lakeshore high school sophomores plan to go to work Saturday, doing various jobs for area residents.

The hours will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and jobs sought include mowing lawns, washing windows, ironing, washing cars and watching children for parents.

The work day event is under the direction of Gerald Kissman, a Lakeshore high school teacher who indicated that the majority of Lakeshore's 227 sophomores plan to be involved in the project. Kissman reported that prices charged will be reasonable, and based on the type of work done. He said information may be obtained by calling 429-9981 or 422-1237 or 429-5990.

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## BH CITIZENS UNIT OPENS MILLAGE CAMPAIGN

### Eau Claire Principal Resigns

Richards Going To High School In Cass City

EAU CLAIRE — Russell L. Richards, principal of the Eau Claire junior-senior high school, submitted his resignation this week to the board of education.

Richards will become principal of the Cass City high school in Cass City, Mich., in July. Cass City is in Tuscola county in the "thumb" area.

He has been the Eau Claire principal since 1965. In June of 1968, Richards resigned as principal of the Eau Claire school, but decided to stay in Eau Claire in July after board members urged him to remain.

Before coming to Eau Claire, Richards had been a secondary teacher and coach in the Olivet, Lake Linden-Hubbard and Mt. Mich., public school systems. He holds a bachelor of science degree from Northern Michigan University and a master's degree from Central Michigan University. He is a native of Houghton in the Upper Peninsula.

The Cass City high school has an enrollment of about 500 students in grades nine through 12. They are housed in a recently completed \$2 million facility.

In his letter of resignation to the board of education, Richards said, "Please convey my heartfelt thanks to the students, teachers, fellow administrators, board of education and members of the school district for the cooperation given me these past four years. Without their support, my job would have been much more difficult."

Richards, his wife, Harriet, and their three children, will move from their home on West Main street, Eau Claire, to Cass City.

### PAW PAW School Plans Recognition Assembly

PAW PAW — Paw Paw public school will hold its 14th annual recognition assembly next Tuesday at 8:30 a.m.

During the assembly, high school students will be honored for their work during the school year. The top scholars in all four high school classes will receive recognition as well as the top students in various departments in the school. The winners of several scholarships and the Thespian speech award will also be announced at the assembly.

Other awards will be given to student council members, members of the National Honor Society, the Boys' and Girls' State representatives and to students who have been on the honor roll during the year.



TOP CITIZENS: Three Benton Harbor district students in schools served by the Michigan State Police school liaison program have been cited for good citizenship. Left to right: Dorothy Caldwell, Boydton; Pat Jones, Jr., Bard; Kenneth Smith, Hull, and Trooper John Sura. Students were nominated by faculty members and Miss Caldwell was selected for Youth Citizenship Award by panel of school

### Three-Year Tax Issue Is Outlined

#### Board Official Tells Schools' Need For Funds

A citizens committee of the Benton Harbor school district last night kicked off a campaign for 5.5 mills in operating taxes. The millage request will be part of the regular school election June 9.

Atty. Lester Page, president of the board of education, outlined the purposes of the three-year tax proposal that will raise about \$800,000 annually based on current valuation:

1. Increased maintenance services by employment of five skilled tradesmen, provided more money for contracted services to buildings and equipment.

2. Buy instructional equipment, furniture for elementary and secondary schools, purchase tools and equipment for maintenance employees.

3. Salary increases to keep district competitive with area schools.

4. Improve staff by providing funds for recruitment of qualified teachers and boost in-service training programs.

5. Enlarge and improve special education program—proposed increase of five teachers for mentally handicapped children and a director of special education.

6. Implement some of the recommendations of the Booz, Allen & Hamilton report to improve administrative structure by hiring director of student services and personnel assistant.

7. Provide funds to meet increases in daily costs of doing business.

Also on the ballot is a proposal for the district at-large to assume the debt of the former Martindale district whose residents are taxed an additional 5.7 mills for buildings that are now owned by the entire district. Cost of the assumption would be \$1 on a \$20,000 home outside the Martindale area. It would mean a major reduction in Martindale.

School district voters also will elect two members to the board of education from among five candidates and ballot on two countywide proposals for establishment of vocational-technical centers.

### Honor Bars Go To 13 At Galien

PAW PAW — A Paw Paw youth suffered minor injuries early Wednesday evening when the car he was driving went out of control on a curve on 42nd street in Paw Paw township, northwest of Paw Paw.

Treated and released at Lake View Community hospital in Paw Paw was Phillip Fleming, 18, route 2, Paw Paw.

Van Buren County Sheriff's deputies said Fleming's car went up a six-foot embankment before coming to a stop about 10 feet inside a field.

LANSING (AP)—Gov. William Milliken has proclaimed July 12 and 13 as Justine Morgan Horse Days in Michigan to draw attention to the Morgan Horse Show to be held those dates at the Michigan State Fairgrounds in Detroit.



BOOST MILLAGE CAMPAIGN: Citizens committee formed to support request for 5.5 mills in operating taxes in Benton Harbor school district held its first meeting last night. Left to right, front: Mrs. Mary Lou Duncan, Mrs. Mary Martin, Mrs. Louise Adkins, Mrs. Joan Phillips, Mrs. Margaret Williams, Mrs. Nancy

Clark and Mrs. Katherine Villwock; standing: John Murray, Atty. Henry Gleiss, Roy Shoemaker, Steve Sizer and Marvin Radom. Not pictured are Clinton Raines, Charles Edinger, Mrs. Ellis Hull, Robert Doner, Nathaniel Wells, Jr., Mrs. Delores Trail, Robert Wiley, and D. W. Kibler. (Staff photo)

### St. Joe Man Top Senior At Western

#### Nordberg Best Scholar-Athlete

KALAMAZOO — Swimmer John Nordberg of St. Joseph has been selected as the top senior scholar-athlete at Western Michigan University.

Nordberg, a swimming team co-captain last season with a 3.25 all-college average in industrial engineering, was selected as the senior who best combined athletic and academic ability.

Nordberg will be honored along with senior scholar-athletes from the six other Mid-American Conference schools at a dinner in the Western Michigan University Student Center Friday night.

The dinner will be one of the highlights of the 23rd annual Mid-American Conference spring championships, which will be held in Kalamazoo today through Saturday.

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The son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Nordberg, 1415 Michigan Avenue, St. Joseph, Nordberg plans to attend graduate school after his graduation from W.M.U. He is a 1965 graduate of St. Joseph High School where he was one of the top high school swimmers in the state.

According to Van Buren county sheriff's deputies the crash occurred when a car being driven by Lynch was struck from the rear by another car being driven by David Carlton, 15, Allegan, and a push was applied to the opposite lane in the path of an oncoming car which collided with Lynch's car.

The third car was driven by Lawrence Barber, 27, route 2, Gobles.

Deputies said Lynch who was traveling north had reportedly stopped his car to make a left turn into the driveway of his home when he was struck from behind by the Carlton auto. His wife, who rushed from their home, said that Lynch was alive when she reached him, but died before he could speak to her. Allegan sheriff's deputies said he suffered a broken neck in the crash.

The small foreign car which he was driving was demolished.

No summonses were issued last night.

Both Carlton and Barber were taken to the Allegan County Sheriff's Ambulance, where they were treated and released.

Surviving are his widow, Betty; three daughters, Mrs. Cynthia Mollard of Kalamazoo, Linda, and Kathleen, both at home; a son, Charles, at home; three grandchildren; his mother, Mrs. Edith Lynch of Kalamazoo; two brothers, Donald and Bernard, and a sister, Mrs. Millicent Dennis, all of Kalamazoo.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in the Gobles Chapel of Robbins Funeral Home. The Rev. Gail A. Pike, pastor of the Merson church, Merson, Mich., will officiate. Burial will be in Robinson Cemetery, Gobles.



JOHN NORDBERG

#### ANNUAL PARADE

### Stevensville Kids Want Sunny Skies Sunday

Over 100 entries have registered for the sixth annual Stevensville Kiddie Parade to be held Sunday.

The parade will start at 2 p.m. at the Stevensville Elementary School and continue through the downtown area of Stevensville along St. Joseph avenue.

Bob Wisner, chairman of the parade, announced the judges will be Mr. and Mrs. John Hull, Stevensville; Mr. and Mrs. Herb Bowersmith, St. Joseph, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Browning, Benton Harbor.

Trophies, certificates and prizes will be given with a grand prize of a \$25 savings bond.

The grand marshal for the event will be Lionel Stacey, Lakeshore's new school superintendent, and the parade will be complete with three marching bands, clowns and free ice cream for the kiddies.

Registration to enter the parade will be accepted up to 12:30 Sunday. The activity is sponsored by the Lakeshore Jaycees, the Jaycee auxiliary, and the Stevensville business men.

### Suzie Dies For Love Of Money

DETROIT (AP)—Never let it be said that Suzie the Ostrich died destitute or devoid of admirers.

In fact, Detroit Zoo officials speculate, it was the monetary generosity of her admirers that killed the zoo's prized bird.

Suzie's body was sent to Michigan State University for an autopsy, where veterinarians found \$3.85 in pennies, dimes and quarters in her gizzard.

"The trouble is that ostriches eat anything that's shiny," mourned Zoo Director Robert F. Willson.

Willson said the \$3.85 will go toward a flower fund for Suzie.

### Fights Break Out At Saginaw Junior High

SAGINAW (AP) — White and black students brawled Wednesday for the second time within a month at Ricker junior high school near Saginaw.

At least five youngsters were struck by a sports car driven by a white man when he wheeled the auto around on the front lawn of a home near the school after he yelled something at a group of Negroes and became the target of stone-throwing. One of the two girls was hospitalized with leg injuries.

Police said more than 32 law enforcement officers were called to the school to end the three-hour disturbance.

Negroes make up about 40 percent of the school's 850 students.

**SCHOOL WAS CLOSED**

Last April 24, Barr ordered the school closed for a day and a half after fighting between black and white youngsters. Ricker junior high was put on half-day sessions until May 12 when full class schedules were resumed.

Special sheriff's deputies have patrolled the halls since then.

Vernon Johnson, Ricker principal, said the outbreak started Wednesday after a special deputy attempted to break up a fight between two students at the front door of the school.

Newsmen were unable to determine whether the fight was racially motivated or the color of the participants.

Officials said that after the deputy, who was not identified, tried to end the fight, Negro students began shouting "He's using Mace." Mace is a tear-gas spray used to disable persons.

John Parham, assistant principal, a Negro, said the deputy asserted that he was sprayed with something from a pressurized can by a student and the student then said, "We sprayed you, what are you going to do about it?"

Parham quoted the deputy as saying that he had a can of Chemical Mace but didn't use it because "I didn't want to start anything."

The incident mushroomed. Officials said students began running through the halls, shouting and yelling that the deputy had used the chemical spray.

**DOORS ARE LOCKED**

Students and teachers in a number of classrooms locked their doors as youngsters ran

through the halls.

Police said some youngsters apparently squirted hair spray from pressurized cans at other students.

A number of adults flocked to the school during the outbreak, and Saginaw County sheriff's men said one deputy was struck in the face by an adult who also attempted to pull his gun holster from his belt.

After the April 24 outbreak, members of the Black Concerned Citizens of Michigan charged that a number of white teachers were racially prejudiced.

Jewell Hall, a member of the group, said that a white teacher on Tuesday dragged a Negro girl down the hall to the school office after a classroom incident injuring the girl. The girl was taken to a hospital for observation and was released that night.

Johnson said the teacher broke up a fight between two Negro girls and told one of the girls to report to the school office.

The principal said another Negro girl struck the teacher in the back and "he grabbed her. She fell and he pulled her over to the wall and he tried to talk to her. He told her to go to the office and she did."

### Covert Man Bound Over After Hearing

SOUTH HAVEN — Perry Atcher, 29, Covert, was bound over to Van Buren circuit court yesterday when he appeared before District Judge Donald Goettwillie, Jr., for preliminary examination on a charge of possession of marijuana.

Atcher was released on \$1,000 personal recognizance. He had been arrested by state police of South Haven in March.

In an all-day jury trial, David Perry, 32, South Haven, was found innocent of disorderly conduct. Perry defended himself in the trial. City police arrested him in March after he was involved in a street brawl involving 25 to 30 people, city police said.